

**REMARKS**

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action dated November 10, 2004. Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 5 and 7-16 are currently pending in this application, with claims 2 and 5 being independent.

*No new matter has been added.*

**Entry of amendment**

This amendment *prima facie* places the case in condition for allowance. Alternatively, it places this case in better condition for appeal. Accordingly, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

**Allowable subject matter**

Appreciation is expressed for the indication that claims 2 and 5 are allowable over the prior art.

**Rejection of the claims**

While not conceding the propriety of the claim rejection and in order to advance the prosecution of the above-identified application, claims 1 and 4 have been canceled, and claim 7-10 and 12-15 amended, rendering the rejection of the claims as moot.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

**Conclusion**



For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753.

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

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Respectfully submitted,

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